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For the figuring of percentages Thatcher's machine has been used, but it does not give enough decimal places for advanced statistical work. The speaker's "Addition Percentage Tables" reduce the figuring of percentages to simple addition, with decimals carried to the seventh place.

MINOR NOTICES.

Report on the Custody and Condition of the Public Records of Parishes, Towns, and Counties. (Massachusetts). By Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner. Boston. 1889. Pp. li, 379.

This work will naturally be of great assistance to students desirous to learn what official records are in existence in Massachusetts towns. Information is also given concerning the state of preservation of such records. The list extends to the enumeration of proprietors, church, town, and county records. Considering the lack of official data in the line of religious statistics, the lists of churches, existing and extinct, with date of organization and denomination, will be of interest. From a table on page xxxi it appears that there are 2060 churches in the state.

Annual Report of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service of the United States for the fiscal year 1888. Washington. Pp. 406.

Besides the regular statistical tables of the marine-hospital service, there is published in this volume a paper entitled "Studies in service statistics: pneumonia, syphilis, and typhoid fever," in which a statistical analysis is made of 45,118 cases of syphilis; 1649 of pneumonia, and 1637 of enteric fever.